

School Enrollment Passes 26,600 Mark, More Due

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CRASH VICTIM SEEKING \$220,000

A Penny for your Thoughts

"If you could live anywhere you wished, in what part of the world would you reside?"

Replaying were:

Mrs. Nola Jones, 2822 Knode, housewife:

"I'm from England but I prefer America. They have everything here in America; more conveniences, higher wages, more people own their own homes, and more people have cars so travel is easier. In short, the working class in America has more luxuries."



Martha Rodgers, 2364 Maricopa Pl., housewife:

"I wouldn't live anywhere but California. I'm from Indiana originally but have lived in California for 23 years and am completely sold on it. I went back east six years ago and entertained everyone on the bus with my sales talks on California. I just think California has everything anyone could possibly want."

Mike Flick, 1808 Gramercy Senior at Torrance High:

"I'd like to live in the Philippine Islands. I have a friend from there and from what he tells me, it's smaller so you can walk almost everywhere and don't have to worry about the traffic; the people are more friendly, inviting you into their homes to eat with them whether they know you or not; and they're more down to earth, sort of like a big family. Also they have more simple amusements."



Mary T. Gooding, 1787 Calamar, retired:

"I've lived in California 10 years and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else but right here in Torrance. I do not know why especially, but I do know that I like it here and whenever I am away from it, I am anxious to get back. I wouldn't trade it for any other place I have ever been."

Betty Townsend, 10951 Brighton Ave., housewife:

"It has always been my dream to live in California and now that I'm here I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I like the mild climate, the people you meet here, the higher wages, and just everything about it. I like Torrance especially because it is so pretty in comparison to the surrounding communities and the shopping centers are so convenient."

Schools Filling To Brim

Predictions that the school's fall population would be nearly 27,000 came close to being realized during the first days of the term, figures compiled by the city's three high schools and 30 elementary schools showed yesterday.

By week's end, the city schools had enrolled 26,635 students, and more are expected during the next few weeks, school officials reported.

Leading the enrollments were the elementary grades with a total of 20,892 students. High schools had enrolled 5743 at the latest count.

IN ADDITION to these 78 students had been enrolled in special classes, including 71 in the Columbia School in El Nido.

North High School won the enrollment derby among the city's three secondary schools with student body totaling 2284 the first week. South High School was a close second with 2249, while Torrance High School had a student body of 1210 persons.

WINNER OF elementary school enrollment honors was Meadow Park, which was jammed with a total of 1365 students. Causing a temporary bulge there are students from the Victor Tract area where a new school is currently under construction.

Enrollment in the elementary schools at the end of the first week:

Adams	843
Anza	844
Arlington	737
Calle Mayor	501
Carr	763
Casimir	599
Crenshaw	699
Edison	717
Fern-Greenwood	863
Flavian	707
Hamilton	550
Hillside	550
Jefferson	666
Lincoln	669
Madison	453
Madrona	678
Meadow Park	1365
Newton	788
Parkway	695
Perry	481
Riviera	856
Seaside	901
Sepulveda	735
Steele	723
Torrance Elementary	781
Towers	485
Walteria	833
Wood	785
Yukon	541

Only in the ninth grade is the pattern of enrollment broken from its inverted pyramid form. The ninth grade has nearly 40 more students than the eighth grade—otherwise the higher the class, the lower the enrollment:

Kindergarten	2821
First	2776
Second	2519
Third	2421
Fourth	2220
Fifth	2102
Sixth	2079
Seventh	1929
Eighth	1874
Ninth	1911
Tenth	1321
Eleventh	1382
Twelfth	1057

State Stands Pat

Because of the large number of communities in the area, only the best route into a city can be approved for signs on freeways, A. L. Himelhoch, district engineer for the Division of Highways informed the city this week. The state has designated Carson St. for the Torrance sign on the Harbor Freeway.



IN SHOW TODAY . . . Harold Riggs, 13, of 811 Belson St., and his French poodle, Tulu, 3, who took top honors in a dog training class sponsored by the South Bay Obedience Club and the Torrance Recreation Department, will participate today in a show for children and adults at Walteria Park. The all-day event is being sponsored by the obedience club.

Cites New Report

Hahn Blasts Delays in Juvenile Hall Program

There is absolutely no excuse for the continuing overcrowding in juvenile detention facilities, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn declared yesterday as he blasted delays in completing construction of badly-needed forestry camps and branch juvenile hall authorized under a bond issue program of \$15,458,000 approved by the voters in November, 1956.

"After four years, the program is only half completed and meanwhile the Board of Supervisors is continually faced with one crisis after another caused by the overcrowding of existing juvenile facilities he declared in reviewing a 'progress report' on the bond issue program prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer in his motion.

Of the \$15,458,000 bond issue, only \$7,814,745 has been spent to date on projects completed or now under construction; the report shows. Another \$3,186,000 in projects are in the planning stage and \$430,000 is being used for land acquisition for other forestry camps. This leaves a balance of \$4,027,255 in the bond issue fund — which is proposed to be spent on a branch juvenile hall in the Torrance area.

"ONE OF THE key points in selling the 1956 bond issue program was the urgent need to get non-delinquent children out of juvenile hall. These are children who have not done anything to get in trouble but have been abandoned, or are the victims of broken homes. Yet after four years, they are still in juvenile hall with the delinquent children because the program has been inexcusably delayed," Hahn declared.

The report states that five projects, including four boys' forestry camps and expansion of the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall at Downey, are currently in the plan preparation stage and are scheduled to be placed under construction between now and Jan. 30, 1961. These

five projects will provide 488 new beds.

HOWEVER, HAHN stated that he doubted very much that the projects would go out to construction on schedule and he pointed out that "it will be a year or more after work starts before these facilities will be completed and ready to be put in operation."

Estimated cost of the five projects is \$3,186,000. Total estimated cost of completed projects, those now under construction, and for the acquisition of land now underway for three additional forestry camps and one branch juvenile hall is \$11,430,745—leaving a balance in the bond issue of \$4,027,255.

THIS MONEY has been allocated to the construction of South Bay juvenile hall on land adjacent to the Harbor General Hospital.

"The plans for this project have not yet been started and it will be at least four or five years before the 400 beds there will be put in operation," Hahn declared, pointing out that construction will not start until buildings now serving as part of the Harbor hospital have been demolished.

"When the people vote money for a construction program to take care of an urgent need, the County has a solemn duty to proceed with speed and dispatch to solve these problems. Yet, some of our most serious problems have grown more serious while delay after delay holds up the construction program," Supervisor Hahn declared.

Trainmen in Fatal Crash Given Blame

A lawsuit asking damages of \$220,000 from the Santa Fe Ry. as the result of a fatal auto-train crash at Torrance Blvd. and Madrid a year ago has been filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on behalf of the crash survivor, Susan A. Love, of 25220 Loytan, Walteria, is seeking the damages

Small Boat Class Opens Here Monday

The United States Coast Guard will conduct a free class in safe boating, piloting, navigation, seamanship and small boat handling at the Fern School Cafeteria, Monday, at 7:30 p.m. The class will continue for 12 weeks.

The classes are open to all who are interested in safe boating, adults, and teenagers alike.

Those who successfully complete the course will be awarded a Certificate of Completion by the Coast Guard.

With the State of California now issuing Boat registration numbers as well as enforcing boating laws along with the Coast Guard the classes this fall are vitally important to all interested in boating as a recreation and sport.

"Unfamiliarity with boating rules and regulations causes the majority of boat accidents which are increasing in Southern California," state Captain Stanley C. Lindholm, Commander of the 11th Coast Guard District, who urged all new and prospective boat owners to attend the Coast Guard Auxiliary classes.

Beach Cities Symphony in Fall Concert

In rehearsal again, after summer vacations, are Composer-Director Louis Palange and The Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra. The Symphony's eleventh season is off to a rousing start, with hopeful applicants in all sections, and an early concert scheduled for Oct. 7th. Concertmaster Alex Pierce will be missed at this one, due to a previous musical commitment. Jack Shulman is taking his place.

A young San Diego violinist, talented Valerie Archibald, is guests soloist, and from her large repertoire, has chosen to play the Mozart 4th Concerto in D. Dvorak's "New World" Symphony is the major-orchestral work of the evening.

Dr. George C. Andersen, of Hermosa Beach, was re-elected President of the Beach Cities Symphony Assn., by the members of the Board, who this season comprise Chairman John Hackett of Torrance, Marjorie Fahringer of Hermosa Beach, Mrs. Owen V. Jensen of Rolling Hills, Virginia Gerling of Playa del Rey, Mrs. L. L. Jefferson of Hollywood Riviera, and from Manhattan Beach, Clifford Webster, Leland Cave, Mrs. Kenneth Hunter, J. Gordon Todd, Mrs. Gerald Ballard, and Robert Lederer.

Need for Tax Override to Be Explained

Torrance instructional program and the proposals for the forthcoming school tax override election will be discussed at the Monday meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee.

The group will meet at the Torrance Masonic Lodge, 2336 Cabrillo Ave., at noon.

AFTER CURRICULUM Consultant Duncan discusses some of the aspects of the Torrance Education program, Superintendent J. H. Hull will discuss the upcoming tax override election. R. L. Herbert, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, will discuss the tax override as it affects the community.

The Administrators' Chorus—50 strong—will sing several numbers and Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip will present a school construction report.

IN THE OCT. 11 tax election, voters will decide whether to authorize an additional 50 cents for operating local schools. Inflation and population have increased rapidly in the past few years, while assessed valuation per pupil and state aid declined. Since 1955, Torrance's school enrollment has doubled.

Woman Dies While on Visit Here

A 34-year-old Colorado woman, visiting her sister, Mrs. Lyle W. Decker at 2801 Sonoma Ave., collapsed and died shortly after her arrival here Thursday evening.

Pronounced dead at the Little Company of Mary Hospital after she had collapsed as the family sat down to dinner was the Thelma Louise Christie, who resided in Alamosa, Colo.

Miss Christie arrived at Los Angeles International Airport Thursday evening, and had been at her sister's home only a short time when she died.

Her body was returned to Colorado by Stone and Myers Mortuary for funeral arrangements.



EYEING TORRANCE GROWTH . . . Dr. Theodore Clymer, University of Minnesota professor who addressed Torrance teachers and administrators last week, gets an idea of the city and school growth from Superintendent J. H. Hull. While the city grew 86.4 per cent, the number of children in school was growing 128.4 per cent. Clymer talked about individual differences among children, declaring that the best education was provided by providing for individual differences in a classroom.